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PRESCRIBED FIRE PLANNED FOR RICH COUNTY NEAR THE TOWN OF WOODRUFF

During the week of Oct. 7, fire officials of the Salt Lake Field Office BLM are planning a prescribed fire treatment on public lands located two and a half miles northwest of the town of Woodruff in Rich County, Utah. Current forecasts indicate mid-week could be optimal conditions for burning. If weather permits, the actual fire operation is expected to take only one day. Monitoring of the fire's success will begin immediately and continue for several years.

The timing of the Sage Hollow burn coincides with high soil and vegetation moisture levels. These conditions allow for easily managed fire and will result in a low to moderate intensity burn. If conditions move beyond this window, the fire will be attempted at another time.

Prescribed fire is just one of many tools that can be used to reduce fire hazards. One of the most important reasons to use fire is that it closely mimics natural processes in a safer environment for firefighters and nearby residents.

For more information on fuel reduction projects in Utah check out www.utahfireinfo.gov

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